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A Small Order

The above bit of wordplay is certainly apt for introducing this issue of *Kitchens & Baths,* which focuses on the challenges of working in compact—even confining—spaces. The subject is near and actually dear to my heart, as a small kitchen has been my cooking habitat for many years. Over time, I have successfully whittled down my equipment to the essentials; a modest adjoining pantry is home to items that see primarily seasonal use.

While I readily admit to the occasional case of kitchen envy—in this job, immunity is impossible!—after living so long with the imposed order that accompanies a small kitchen, it's odd for me to contemplate having more than one sink or oven, or a full complement of countertop appliances.



As some of our featured kitchens show, one of the most effective ways of addressing the shortcomings of a small space is to run cabinets right up to the ceiling. This trick works with both modern and traditional decors, and there's an additional perk beyond the extra storage: No more will dust bunnies colonize the tops of the cupboards!

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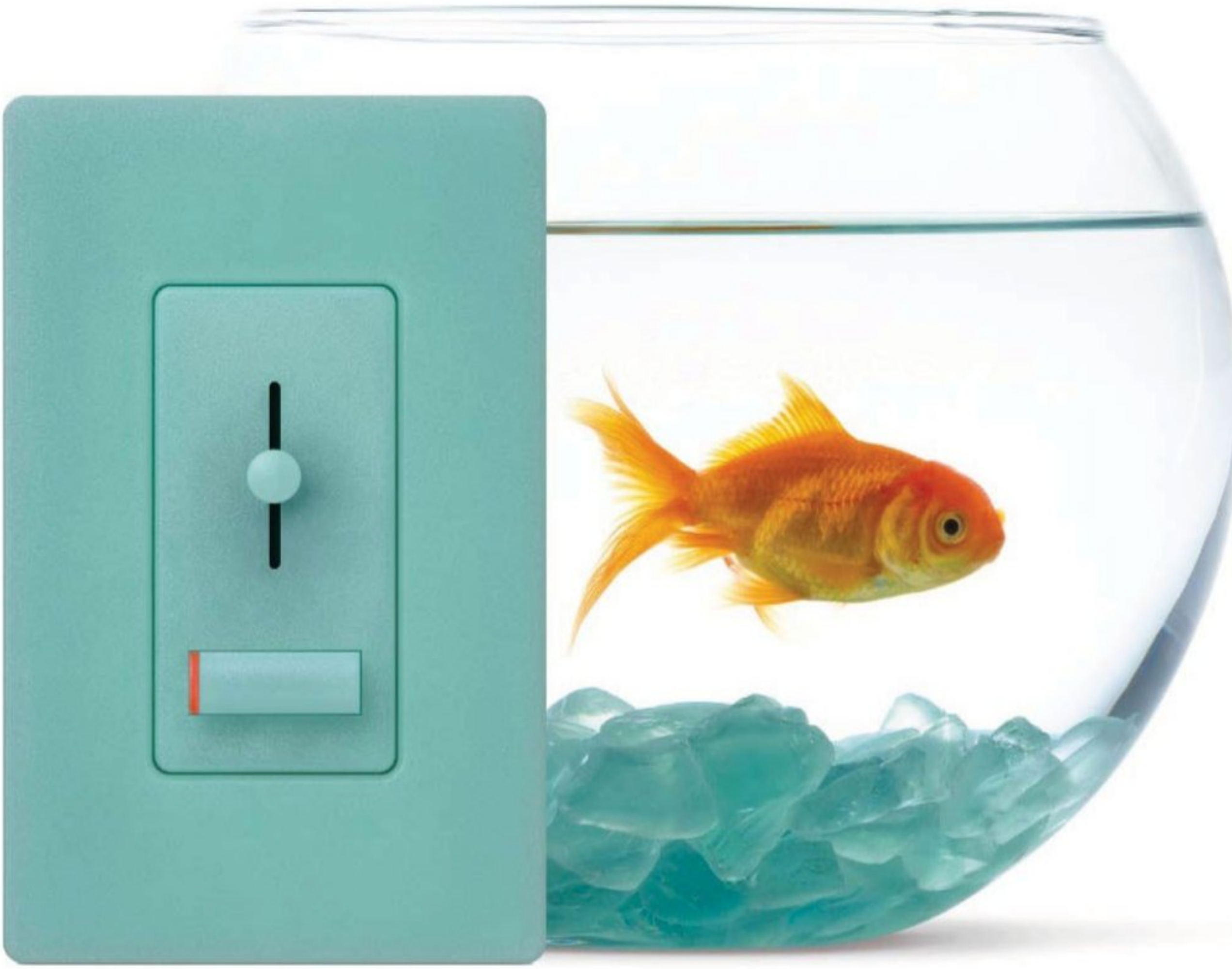
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WRITTEN BY JULIE TARASKA

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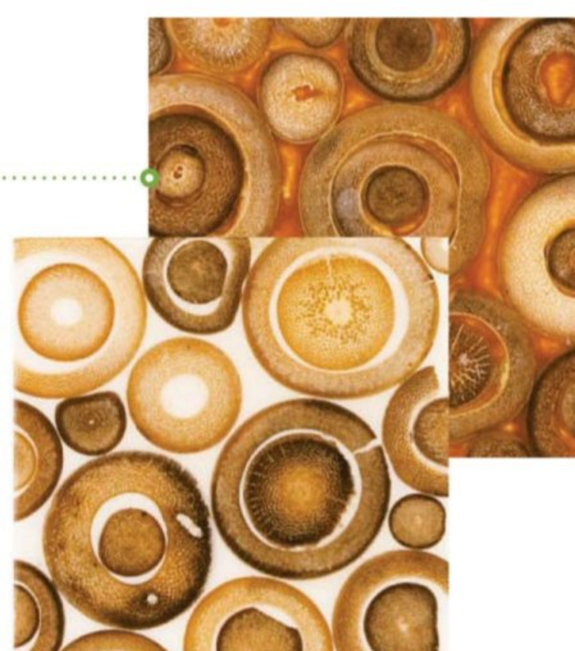
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The eco-friendly Kimono wall tiles add a splash of style to the kitchen. Made of bamboo slices set into resin, they're available in 4×4-inch and 2½×8-inch sizes, and in three background colors. Not intended for wet areas. $23 each. 888-260-7371; *anchorbaytile.com*.







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SOAKING IN IT

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standard deviation

Changing ideas about standard proportions opens up the possibilities for smarter kitchens.

WRITTEN BY JUDI KETTELER



Kitchen designer Fu-Tung Cheng designed this San Francisco loft kitchen for a young couple with modern leanings who wanted to cook together without getting in each other's way. Three kids later, it's still a fun and functional space.



Q&A

◆ THIS KITCHEN HAS AN INDUSTRIAL FEEL. WAS THAT INTENTIONAL?

Yes, it's industrial in the sense that it's robust and has the look of a professional kitchen. But not in the sense of feeling heavy or sterile or devoid of personality.

◆ THERE IS A LOT OF CONCRETE AND STAINLESS STEEL. HOW DID YOU KEEP THE SPACE FEELING WARM?

We balanced those elements with things like the handmade porcelain tile with a crackle glaze that lines the back wall. It has the feel of an old teacup. We also did a raked-plaster finish on the ceiling. It has this great texture and looks almost like a piece of soft corduroy. We also used lots of bamboo (the cabinets, for example).

◆ WHAT'S THE LOGIC BEHIND THAT WONDERFUL HUGE SINK?

I wanted to give the client a larger, deeper sink to wash big pots, but also to wash the baby or the dog. Standard sink proportions have nothing to do with good design; they're just made to fit standard-size base cabinets for the sake of convenience. I always like to fool around with proportions and think beyond the standard.

◆ YOU HAVE A REPUTATION FOR BEING A CONCRETE AFICIONADO AND HAVE EVEN DESIGNED A CONCRETE HOUSE. WHAT'S BEHIND YOUR PASSION FOR IT?

Originally, it was about affordability. When I designed my own kitchen more than 25 years ago, I couldn't afford a countertop and sink in tile or Formica or Corian. I discovered that concrete is a very plastic, sculptable material, and has a great tactile feel. It's an inexpensive, highly versatile product that can be customized any way you want: colored, imprinted, embossed, textured, inlaid, or made as smooth as glass. ◆

earth-friendly news

WRITTEN BY COURTNAY WALSH



5 Tips for Eco-Savvy Bathrooms

Did you know a leaky toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water per day? So fix it quickly, says Mary Jo Peterson, CKBD. Here are some other easy ways to go green:

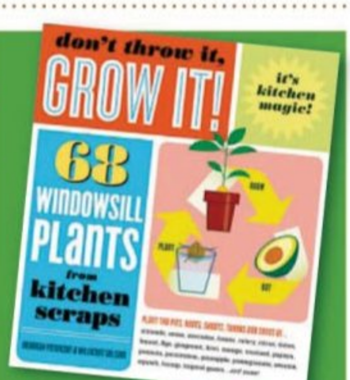
✦ **Replace faucets.** Check out new, attractive motion-activated styles for residential sinks to help conserve water. In the shower, try a much-improved aerator. (Now it will rinse the shampoo out of your hair!)

✦ **Change lightbulbs.** Spend a bit more up front on fluorescents, and you'll reap the rewards of energy savings and good color rendering for years to come. Bulbs now come in a variety of shapes, too.

✦ **Ventilate.** If renovation is the plan, talk to your contractor about ways to move air, odors and moisture. (And avoid mold growth in an attic or garage by making sure vents dump outside.)

✦ **Reduce.** When redesigning, don't insist the new toilet or sink be moved to the opposite side of the room. Use less construction materials by keeping water and waste lines in the same place.

Pit Stop



Next time you spot a black avocado or neglected piece of gingerroot in the back of your fridge, keep it. In *Don't Throw It, Grow It*, (Storey Publishing, 2008) Deborah Peterson gives at-a-glance instructions for bringing pits, seeds and roots back to life on your window sill. And no green thumb is required: Every featured plant (there are 68) can easily be grown in any kitchen.

Throw in the Towel

MÜkitchen invites you to banish musty dishcloth smells from the kitchen with their line of 100-percent biodegradable bamboo towels. Said to be softer and more absorbent than cotton, they release a natural antibacterial agent and have a pleasant, fresh bamboo scent. Bamboo dishcloth, $6.50; dish towel, $9.50; *mukitchen.com*.

Foggy Idea

Today, an efficient, five-minute shower consumes 26 liters of water. But Brazilian design student João Diego Schimansky's proposed Fog Shower would use just two liters. Imagine bathing in warm water-vapor aimed in different angles based upon your movement. His eco-friendly water saving idea was one of eight chosen as finalists in Electrolux's annual Design Lab competition, which asks students to envision and design items for the year 2020.



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tidy *tips*

When everything but the kitchen sink is in disarray, Lorie Marrero, professional organizer and founder of *Clutterdiet.com*, offers this advice:

- **CLUTTER KEEPERS** Decorative trays corral countertop collections—like coffee and tea accessories—and gives them a unified look. Plus, they make cleanup a cinch.
- **LUNCH BREAK** Stop juggling jars back and forth from fridge to table during meals. Store and transport all of your condiments together in one caddy or basket.
- **NEW HEIGHTS** Sometimes moving shelves just a couple of inches closer together can give you enough room to add another shelf.
- **STICKY SITUATION** A tiny bit of putty under drawer dividers helps keep them in place and ensures order is maintained. ◆

BY THE NUMBERS

WRITTEN BY LINDSAY DAMAST

A clean-shaven man spends around **3,000** hours of his life shaving.



(Bath Room Stuff)

57 percent of Americans want their kitchen to be a reflection of their personal styles and tastes.

(Electrolux)

We're so vain. The oldest mirrors—polished volcanic glass found in Turkish grave sites—date back to

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built-in microwaves

WRITTEN BY JOHN LOECKE



HOT PICK
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Tired of staring at a big metal box, but can't live without the conveniences your microwave affords? Perhaps it's time you considered upgrading to a built-in microwave that tucks neatly into a wall or cabinet. Manufacturers across the board have recently unveiled a variety of new built-in models. Here's what you need to know to find the model that's right for you.

JUST THE FACTS

Like countertop or undermount microwave ovens, built-ins get their power from a standard 120-volt outlet. The difference is in the way they are installed. Many (but not all) countertop models can be installed as a built-in with the additional purchase of a trim kit. The appliance is "framed" with strips of metal designed to conceal the gaps between the body of the cabinet and the body of the microwave, leaving only the face of the appliance visible. Other models recess fully into a cabinet or wall opening. Because there are no gaps between the appliance and the cabinet, there's no trim kit required. And it's this second option that's been catching on of late, with such manufacturers as Electrolux and Sharp debuting sleek, streamlined 24- and 30-inch-wide units that function like drawers. "Ergonomically they're easier to use. Because the drawer slides out, you don't have to bend down below the counter to remove dishes or check on food," says Brett Hunt, marketing manager for Dacor, a California-based appliance manufacturer. The 24-inch variety easily retrofits into existing cabinetry; 30-inch models require new cabinets or some cabinetry reconfiguration. One thing to note is that unlike integrated dishwashers, microwave drawers will not be flush to the cabinetry: The drawer will stick out slightly from the face of the cabinet.

POWER AND CAPACITY

Power and capacity are two factors that will not only impact cost but also the oven's ability to help you prepare meals in a timely, efficient manner. →


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HOT PICK

Ease and convenience are the thinking behind Sharp's Insight Pro microwave drawer. Available in 24- and 30-inch configurations, these drawer-style units open and close automatically with a touch of the handle. Of course, smartly designed ergonomics aren't the only selling points to these microwaves. Fast cooking is another as both models pack a powerful 1,000 watts of cooking power. $799. *sharpusa.com.*



Power is measured in watts. As a general rule, the larger the number, the faster the oven. Entry-level built-ins—countertop models with trim kits—operate on 800 to 1,000 watts. Mid-size models up the power to 1,000 watts. High-end units go a step further, increasing outputs to 1,200 watts. That said, wattage must be matched to oven cavity size in order for the power to be effective, notes John Hines, senior product development manager at Whirlpool appliances. For example, he says, higher wattage in a small cavity (1,000 watts in a .8 cubic-foot oven) will produce overcooked food just as a low wattage in a large cavity (500 watts in a 1.4 cubic-foot oven) will result in undercooking.

Capacity, which is calculated in cubic feet, is important because it determines what will fit in the oven. Small built-ins typically have capacities around 1 cubic-foot. Size typically increases by .5 cubic feet; the largest built-ins top out around 2 cubic feet, a size that can easily accommodate a 10-inch square baking dish. To be sure you get the right size, Dee David, a Falls Church, Virginia–based kitchen designer, suggests bringing your largest cooking dish to the store. "Place it inside the models you're considering to make sure it fits," she says.

BELLS AND WHISTLES

Features and extras like one-touch buttons with preprogrammed times and



HOT PICK

This extra-large 30-inch microwave from Electrolux boasts 1,200 watts of cooking power and a generous 2-cubic-foot cavity. This oven features an adjustable metal rack that allows you to cook more than one dish at the same time—something you won't find on many other models. $549. *electroluxappliances.com.*

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SHOP SMARTER

power settings for making popcorn, defrosting frozen foods or cooking things like baked potatoes help distinguish one model from another. Generally, the more you spend, the more features your microwave will have. But be realistic when making your selections, says David. “If you’re going to use preprogrammed recipe settings, for example, then it’s worth buying a model that has them.” If you’re mainly going to be making popcorn and reheating leftovers, you may want to think about spending the extra money for something else.

If you do use your microwave to cook full meals, two features that may be worth a splurge (they’re currently only found on models costing upwards of $700) are speed and convection cooking modes. Speed cooking further reduces cooking time, often by half. (So a dish that would take 30 minutes to cook in a conventional oven is done in 15 minutes.) It does this using a combination of microwaves and heat from halogen bulbs. Convection cooking modes ensure foods come out browned and crispy rather than soggy, long a common complaint about microwave cooking, says Hines. ◆

good

$100 to $500

These bargain-priced built-ins are typically countertop models that can be installed into a wall or cabinet and with the addition of a trim kit take on a custom-built appearance. Oven capacities are usually in the 1 to 1.5 cubic feet range with 800 to 1,200 watts of cooking power. Ovens equipped with humidity sensors—technology that determines when food is fully cooked and automatically shuts off the oven—begin to appear at the mid to upper end of this price range as do stainless steel finishes.

better

$500 to $1,000

You’ll find the bulk of the built-in models in this category. Capacities range between 1.5 and 2 cubic feet and power is in the neighborhood of 1,000 watts. Though trim kits are still required to give these units a true built-in appearance, expect to find other design enhancements, like pull-down instead of swing-out doors, that are typically reserved for traditional wall ovens. Drawer-style units, which do not require a trim kit, begin to appear around the $800 mark. Also expect to find features, like convection and speed cooking, designed to enhance the ovens’ overall food preparation performance.

best

$1,000 and up

Here, style is the name of the game. Look for both drawer and drop-down door styles and sizes of 1 to 2 cubic feet that effortlessly blur the design boundaries between microwaves and conventional built-in ovens—a factor that negates the necessity of a trim kit. Though you may pick up a few extra preset cooking buttons or power levels, don’t expect these ovens to perform their cooking tasks any faster than those in the next lower price range. The reason: These ovens may have a few more bells and whistles on the feature front, but oven capacities and wattage levels are basically on par with those ovens in the previous category. Where style is concerned, look for sleek, streamlined units designed to blend in seamlessly with the rest of your kitchen appliances.

animal attraction

Go wild for colorful critter tiles

WRITTEN BY CARLA JORDAN



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An airy, inviting kitchen updates farmhouse style

WRITTEN BY RACHEL YOUNG

With its great spatial flow and inviting atmosphere, this homey kitchen is naturally the hub of the house. Roomy enough for a crowd, it's made cozy with an eclectic mix of materials and multiple lighting sources. Ample storage, an eye-catching professional stove and plenty of prep space mean it's as functional as it is comfortable.



A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING

Thoughtful, specialized storage is everywhere. There are bins for produce, glass-fronted cabinets for collectibles, and some ingredients even get their own apothecary drawer. The bins make use of a generously sized island, and stenciled labels are charming and functional.

DOWN THE DRAIN

Runnels, or grooves, in the counter channel water toward the undermount sink. In solid-surface or stone countertops, they act as an integral drain board, which means no need to clutter the counter with a clunky dish drainer.

MOVABLE FEAST

Furniture pieces fit the farmhouse aesthetic, and this marble-topped table is just right for rolling out pie crust. It's also a true multitasker: Use it for food prep, as a drinks station during a party, or as an uncluttered space for homework or after-school snacks.

GET THE MESSAGE

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An open kitchen displays good bones

Eliminating kitchen walls suits the modern look of this house, but the completely open plan demands a room that's aesthetically flawless as well as practical. Elegant open shelves and a careful use of horizontal space are keystones of a design that's clean, serene and sculptural.



SHELVE IT

Long horizontal shelves are in scale with the high ceilings and help balance the vertical space. They also don't scream "kitchen," smoothing visual flow in an open floor plan.

TOP NOTCH

Traditional pulls placed smack-dab in the middle of each drawer front would break up the clean lines of these cabinets and interrupt the beautiful vertical grain of the wood. A small pull at the top of each drawer is practical and discreet.

COUNTER ATTACK

Pairing a table with the island creates an eat-in area that's also an unusual focal point. The bright white square jibes with the horizontal planes of floor, countertop and shelves, and a table is an interesting update on the ubiquitous bar-height counter overhang.

TRUE COLORS

A panel of aqua Plexiglas makes a great backsplash while adding color and providing another visual separation between the stainless-steel sink surround and the dark countertop. It's also well placed to break up the long horizontal line of the open shelves. ◆



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make a small space feel larger

WRITTEN BY SUZANNE MORRISSEY



4 Break down. A small kitchen can feel twice as big without enlarging the footprint simply by taking out a wall—just be sure it's not load-bearing.

We all crave more space in our kitchens and baths. They're often the smallest but hardest-working rooms in our homes. Whether it's a total down-to-the-studs remodel or just a quick fix-up, use these ideas and tips to gain more space—or at least the illusion of it.

KITCHENS

1 **THINK SMALL.** Many manufacturers are now offering condensed versions of even the most high-end kitchen luxuries. Look for terms like "low-profile," "slim line" and "loft-size" in the descriptions as you shop for appliances. And keep an eye out for small electronics and appliances designed to mount under cabinets, such as microwaves, televisions and coffee makers.

2 **HIDE AND SEAT.** If your prep island doubles as eating space, make sure there's room to tuck stools all the way under and out of the way when they aren't in use.

3 **DINE OUT.** Do you eat all your meals in the kitchen while the adjacent dining room goes unused? Start using the dining room as your everyday eating space. Make it over to be less formal if necessary, and take back the eat-in space as part of the working kitchen.

5 **RAISE THE LIGHTS.** Make use of recessed ceiling fixtures, track lighting or spot lights in your kitchen, rather than heavy, low-hanging fixtures. Replace any chunky hanging fixtures with a row of sleek, slender pendant lights.

6 **PICK WISELY.** When choosing cabinets, look for sleek, simple styles that have a smooth profile and elegant, unobtrusive hardware.



BATHS

7 CLEAR THE VIEW. Visual clutter makes a small space feel even tinier. Keep counters free of stuff, or keep tools corralled in one or two neat baskets.

8 GET SHINY. Reflective surfaces bounce light around and make small spaces appear larger. Bathrooms (kitchens too) are prime real estate for shiny materials like glazed tile and polished stone. Hang a mirror opposite a window for extra brightness.

9 ANNEX THE CLOSET. Many bathrooms share a wall with a traditional linen closet along a hallway. Take over the closet space as part of the bath, and make up for lost storage with a shallow cabinet or vertical lineup of sleek shelves.

10 TAP INTO SHOWER POWER. If you rarely use your tub, consider replacing it with a tall shower stall. Go for a glass enclosure to make the space seem even more expansive.

11 Open a window. Add a skylight to invite in plenty of natural light. Unless you live next to a high-rise building, privacy won't be an issue.

12 HANG IT ALL. Wall-mounted sinks and toilets take up less space than traditional styles. Plus, the space under them contributes to an airier look.

13 FLOOR IT. Replace dark wood or linoleum with a lighter hue, or put down spa-like white rugs or sisal mats. Anything light and bright helps open up a cramped space.

14 BLOCK THE BOX. Although a cabinet-style vanity gives you enclosed storage space, it also looks boxy and massive in a small bath. If you can live without the cabinet, replace it with a slim-profile pedestal sink. ◆


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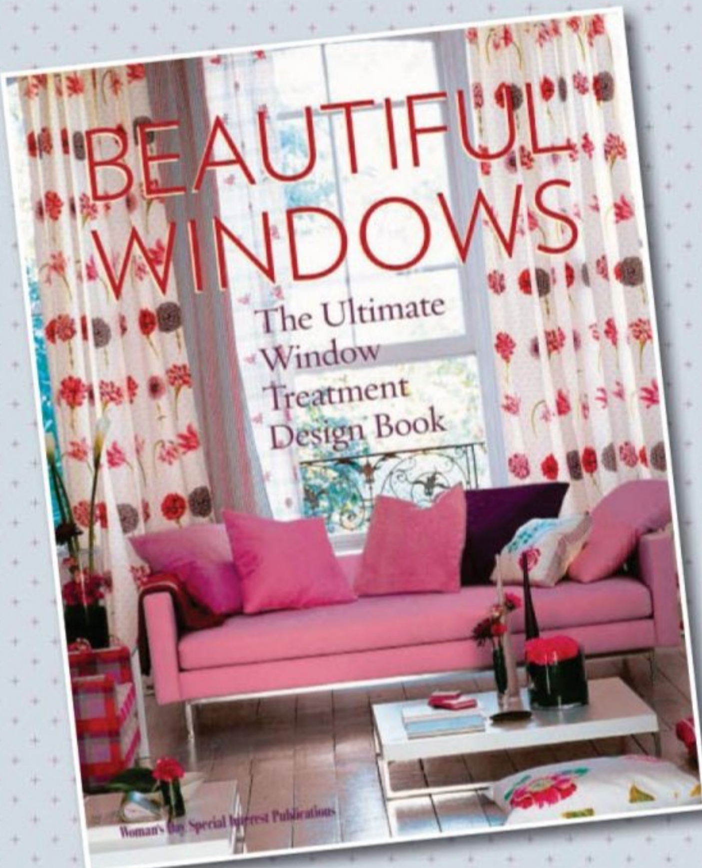
Art Mintie, technical services director of Laticrete International and a specialist in tile and stone installation, gives the lowdown on his STAC method—the four key elements to evaluate before beginning any tile installation project:

- **SUBSTRATE** Knowing the type of wall you are applying tiles to—cement backer board, gypsum, concrete, masonry, plywood—will help you choose the appropriate tile adhesive.
- **TILE TYPE** Tiles can be crafted from glass, ceramic, porcelain and a myriad of stones. Beware of applying super-porous stones in a wet area, as they will absorb water and degrade over time.
- **APPLICATION** Where will you be hanging the tiles? In wet areas, waterproof the substrate before applying the adhesive. If the tiles are particularly heavy, a non-sag mortar will prevent them from slipping or shifting out of place while it dries.
- **COST** Evaluate your budget. How much you want to spend will help determine what kind of tile you purchase.

Mintie also suggests contacting the tile manufacturer, stone supplier or tile setter for information on how to achieve the most successful installation.

More than just a practical shield against cooking and water splatter, a backsplash can add personality to the kitchen. Tiles come in all kinds of inventive materials and inspired designs. If the space between your hanging cabinet and countertop seems too large to tackle due to limited time or budget, simply tiling a small area will dramatically alter any blank wall. For the old-world, rustic feel of this European kitchen, look for new stone or ceramic pieces with an acid washed, weathered finish. Or, for greater savings, hunt garage sales or vintage tile suppliers for usable pieces. If you can't find a full set to cover the desired space, be creative! A patchwork of complementary colors or patterns will provide even greater visual impact. ◆

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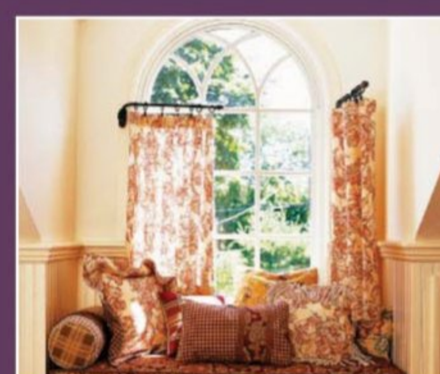
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Putting together an eco-friendly bathroom

WRITTEN BY BILL PARTSCH

Creating a green bathroom entails choosing products that conserve natural resources—particularly water—and curtail air contaminants.

"Water is really the key issue when it comes to green bathroom renovations," says Ashley Katz, communications coordinator for the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). "Installing a low-flow toilet can make a significant impact on the water usage in your home."

Faucets and showerheads are also prime targets for reducing water usage. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, these three outlets combine for more than 60 percent of indoor household water usage.

Finding the most efficient toilets and bath faucets has gotten easier, thanks to the EPA's WaterSense program, which does for plumbing what Energy Star, another EPA enterprise, has done for appliances, lightbulbs and windows. That is, the agency now tests faucets and toilets and certifies the most efficient models.

WaterSense standards exceed legal requirements, which limit toilets to no more than 1.6 gallons per flush and faucets and showerheads to a flow rate of no more than 2.5 gallons per minute. To obtain the WaterSense blessing, a

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The EPA's WaterSense program certifies faucets with a maximum flow rate of 1.5 gallons per minute—a full gallon less than the legal requirement. Moen's Rothbury, shown here, is WaterSense certified. $347 in chrome.

toilet must average no more than 1.3 gallons per flush, and a faucet has to run at a maximum of 1.5 gallons per minute. (The EPA anticipates a WaterSense showerhead benchmark somewhere between 1.5 and 2 gallons per minute, but as of press time, the agency has not yet finalized its showerhead certification program.)

Many WaterSense-approved toilets are dual-flush models. Such fixtures offer a choice of a full 1.6 gallons for solid waste or a so-called half flush of a little less than a gallon for liquids.

Some consumers feel low-flow fixtures and faucets just don't cut it when it comes to performance. That may have been true in 1994, when the current standards first went into effect. Fifteen years of engineering, however, have brought about low-flow toilets that flush waste away effectively and faucets and showerheads that produce the sensation of a deluge consumers so desire.



must-have

Ideally, materials should be recycled or recyclable, like this surfacing made from recycled glass.

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WISH LIST: GREEN BATHROOM

Much of the energy used in the bathroom goes to heating shower water, but another important area where consumers can cut back on electricity is lighting. Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) undoubtedly use less energy than incandescents, and replacing old bulbs with CFLs will surely save on utility bills. But the quality of light can be harsh, and each CFL contains a trace amount of mercury. "If a CFL goes out, you can't just throw it in the garbage or a recycling container," says David Linzer of Designs by David L., Coral Springs, Florida.

The light source that's easiest on utility bills is the sun. Adding windows and skylights not only makes the space more aesthetically satisfying, it reduces the need for artificial light. Windows should be appropriate to the climate—letting in solar heat in cooler parts of the country, keeping it out in warmer areas.

Choosing the right floors and countertops can both conserve resources and improve indoor air quality. "Granite isn't green because of the energy it takes to quarry it, fabricate it and ship it," Linzer says. Ceramic tile, too, requires a lot of energy to make and transport. Tiles made from porcelain, glass or recycled ceramics are better options.

Some recycled glass, in fact, finds its way into composite surfaces that are alternatives to natural stone. One manufacturer, IceStone, offers, among its many options, a cobalt surface made from ground-up Skyy vodka bottles.

Chemicals used in parts of the bath can off-gas volatile organic compounds, or VOCs, that can be health hazards. Consumers should look for low- or no-VOC versions of paint, grout, caulking, adhesives and sealers.

Controlling humidity through ventilation, a critical consideration in any bathroom, is perhaps even more crucial to a green bath. "You want to make sure the environment reduces mold so that the bathroom will be around for a long time without any problems," Katz says. Another way to cut down on mold is to install moisture-proof backer board. "There's a difference between moisture-resistant drywall and a backer board made of concrete and fiberglass, which won't absorb any moisture," Linzer says. "The backer boards are essentially indestructible."

Because the whole eco-friendly trend is still fairly new, going green can add a premium to the price of a bath remodel. This should change in the future, according to Katz. "The demand for green products is increasing," she says. "Prices will go down, and the technology will be even more innovative." ◆

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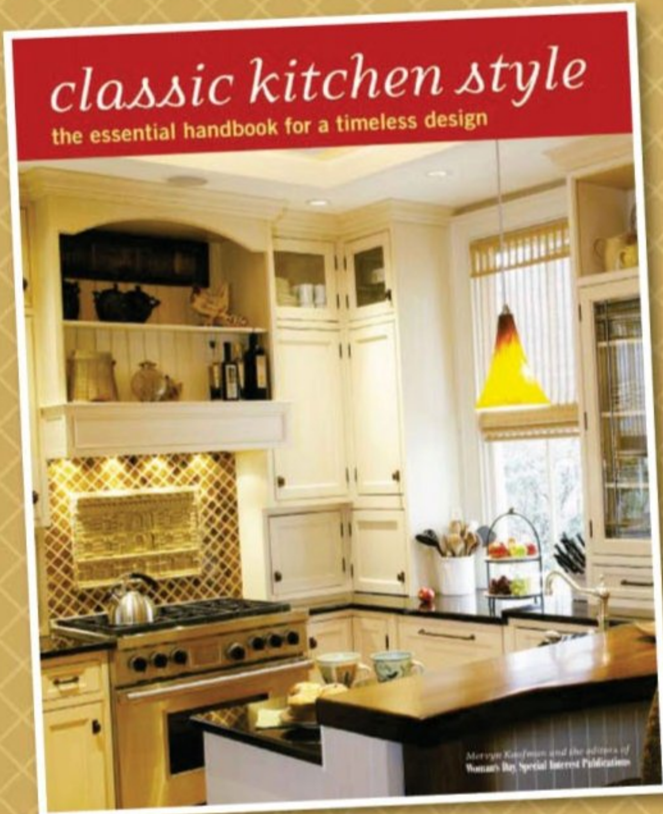
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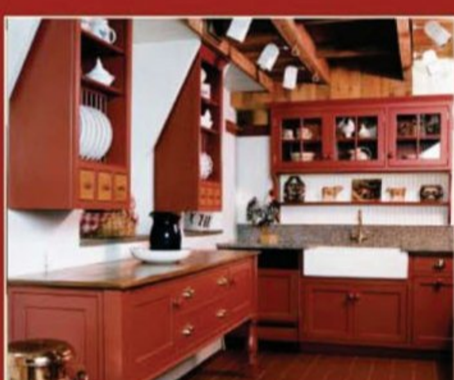
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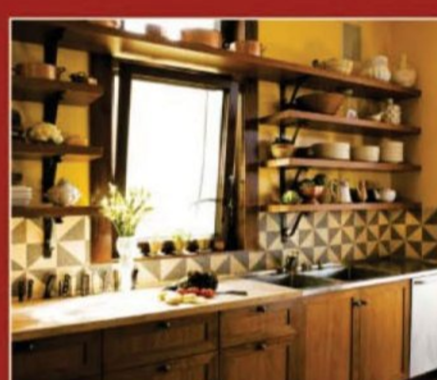


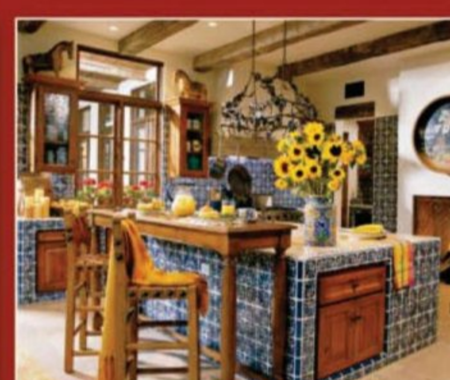
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Classic color choices and an L-shaped island anchor an open kitchen

WRITTEN BY RACHEL YOUNG

style notes

AZURE ACCENT
A splash of sky blue seems to extend the view of the over-sink window. Royal blue ceramics, stored in plain sight, add another tone to the pale palette.

AROUND THE BLOCK
The built-in butcher block, slightly raised, is perfect for prep work. Placed at the curved outer corner of the island, it breaks up the solid black line and echoes the warm notes of the floor and storage drawers.

TOP OF THE LINE
A farmhouse sink always adds a sense of history. In this model, the fluting in the apron is a subtle echo of the island's beadboard.

OPEN RANGE
An architectural range hood has the look of an original detail, like the ornate ceiling molding. It also provides a shelf for a well-edited selection of ceramics.











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style notes

AT AN ANGLE
Inexpensive subway tile offers several installation options. Here, a herringbone pattern is eye-catching in the cooking alcove.

BEST FOR PREP
A prep sink and a pot filler are invaluable when dashing around mid-meal, especially in a large space where the main sink is several paces away from the stove.

BEYOND BLACK
Pale colors are key to this kitchen's cottage style. The warm and homey yellow countertop capitalizes on the sunlight from two tall windows.

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CHECKLIST

six months to a new kitchen

Thinking about remodeling your kitchen? Remember the golden rule of any home-improvement project: The more planning you do up front, the happier you'll be with the result. Use this checklist to get started and keep on track.

WRITTEN BY BERNADETTE BACZYNSKI

THREE TO SIX MONTHS AHEAD

- ☐ **SET UP A FILE** to keep track of ideas, products, names and business cards. Look through books and magazines for ideas and products that appeal to you. Make careful notes of manufacturers, product ID numbers and where you saw the product.
- ☐ **MAKE LISTS** of must-haves and wishes, so you'll know clearly where you will and won't compromise. Keep in mind what's working and not working in your present kitchen, including storage, counter space, window placement and traffic patterns.
- ☐ **BEGIN RESEARCHING CONTRACTORS.** Check with local professional associations, ask friends for referrals, note yard signs of remodeling work in progress. Many home-improvement stores also offer full-service design and remodeling help.
- ☐ **GO WITH A PRO.** If your project involves major structural changes, it's important to have an architect or professional designer involved. Even a straightforward face-lift can benefit from professional design input.
- ☐ **VISIT YOUR BANKER** or mortgage lender to discuss financing options and how much you can afford, and your financial planner to discuss tax advantages. Whatever your upper range, figure on spending 10 percent more.

ONE TO THREE MONTHS AHEAD

- ☐ **NARROW DOWN** the field of contractors to three, checking out credentials, status of licenses and insurance and professional affiliations; check the Better Business Bureau for complaints. Ask for references. This is an ongoing relationship: If you feel uncomfortable, keep looking.
- ☐ **SETTLE ON A CONTRACTOR.** Be sure expectations are clear, then get everything in writing, perhaps having contracts checked over by your attorney. Also be sure you understand and are comfortable with how money will be distributed. There's generally a start-up payment, several interim disbursements and a balance due upon completion.

WEEKS BEFORE AND DURING

- ☐ **LET THE NEIGHBORS IN ON THE PLANS,** such as daily construction schedules and major deliveries. Your courtesy will likely make them more willing to endure any temporary inconveniences.
- ☐ **TALK WITH THE CONTRACTOR** about day-to-day routines, where deliveries will be stored, where work areas will be set up and which bathroom workers will use. Keep pets away from the site.
- ☐ **CLEAR OUT THE KITCHEN,** weeding as you go and setting aside small appliances you use every day. Pack things in clearly labeled boxes so restocking cabinets will be easier.
- ☐ **SET UP A TEMPORARY KITCHEN,** incorporating a microwave, coffee maker and your old refrigerator; try to have a water source nearby. Stock up on disposable dishware and utensils. If you're remodeling during the summer, plan to cook outdoors a lot.
- ☐ **KEEP COMMUNICATIONS OPEN** so everyone knows what to expect and what is expected of them. Be available for questions, either on-site or by phone. Often, contractors will run into snags that require homeowner input or approval; if they are unable to reach you, it can cause expensive delays.

FINAL DAYS

Note items to be completed; you and the contractor will have a final walk-through, making a punch list of to-dos before you sign off. ◆

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3 kitchens improve work space

WRITTEN BY JEANNIE MATTEUCCI





BEFORE: Two short walls and several doorways ate up precious cabinet space in the old kitchen.

AFTER: Extending a wall and rethinking the island made the space highly functional without significantly increasing the footprint.

1 division of labor

Bruce and Toni Burkholder's 320-square-foot kitchen was poorly laid out. "We're lucky to have a large kitchen, but it was too spread out," says Toni. The Dublin, Ohio, couple, parents of five teenagers—including a set of quadruplets—turned to Ron Landis, owner of R.J. Landis Design & Construction, in Worthington, Ohio, to redesign the kitchen to include better work space, more storage, upgraded appliances and a more sophisticated look. Landis removed a too-large center island and extended a wall to create room for a six-burner range and the primary refrigerator. A new, more versatile island/peninsula combo creates multiple work triangles and includes a prep sink, eating space, storage and a desk to plan the family's busy schedules. "The island is the hub," says Landis. "It gives them a prep area, a place to have quick meals and a spot for a buffet if they're entertaining." Thrilled with the results, Toni says, "We definitely spend more time in our kitchen now."

IN THE DETAILS

- **APPLIANCES** With five teenagers and lots of guests in the house, the Burkholders needed appliances that were attractive but also workhorses. They now have two refrigerators, two dishwashers, a pro-style range with two ovens, and a warming drawer and microwave drawer in the island. Bruce—who often whips up dinners on the weekend—especially loves the grill and griddle on the range.
- **PENINSULA** In addition to the island, the kitchen now also includes a peninsula that creates more counter, storage and eating space. "There wasn't enough wall space to create a traditional kitchen design, but we needed more work space," says Landis. "It gave us that but didn't block the view of the adjoining room."
- **LIGHTING** Three stunning old world–style chandeliers with antique crystals over the island provide illumination and add the perfect finishing touch for the renovated kitchen. "I wanted to make it a 'wow' space," says Toni. ➞

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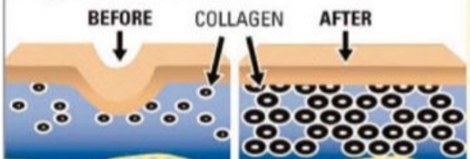
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2 modern efficiency

For Karen Shepherd and her husband, John Zurheide, of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, preparing gourmet meals in their 150-square-foot L-shaped kitchen was always a challenge. "We would bump into each other constantly," says Karen. Craving a more efficient space, the couple hired Mariette Barsoum, CKD, owner of Divine Kitchens in Westborough, Massachusetts. "They wanted a two-cook kitchen with more counter space and more room for entertaining," says Barsoum. To reach their goals, the original kitchen was converted into a dining area. The kitchen now occupies a 20×20-foot addition that opens to the dining area and family room. Rich custom cherry cabinets with clean lines reflect the contemporary look John and Karen wanted. "Mariette customized the cabinets for how we work in the kitchen," says Karen. Most of the base cabinets are drawers equipped to store silverware, small appliances and other essentials. Two tall pantry cabinets feature slide-out shelves for easy access. The couple even had a cabinet created just for their cat's food. "Now we enjoy cooking our own meals instead of going out," says Karen. "I can't even imagine working in that little space we used to have."

IN THE DETAILS

- **COUNTERTOPS** An upgrade from the laminate counters they had before, John and Karen chose an unusual gray granite with black and red veining—and a little sparkle—for their modern kitchen. Barsoum agrees this selection was the right choice for the space, saying "each piece of this granite is a piece of art in itself."
- **TWO ISLANDS** A double-wide prep island plus a long entertainment island with red stools and curved top give two cooks plenty of room to prep and serve meals. "Because the kitchen is really big, the idea of one massive island was not appealing," says Barsoum, who added a wine refrigerator to the entertainment island to save the couple extra trips across the kitchen.
- **WALL COLOR** John and Karen decided to keep the walls a crisp white color. "White shows off the architectural details of the room and it allows me to accessorize with color," says Karen, who enjoys using different tones and shades of red to add drama. →



BEFORE: The appliances in the old kitchen were poorly placed, leaving precious little counter space.

AFTER: The new 400-square-foot kitchen is set up for two cooks to work efficiently.



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Finally, researchers have developed the first product to combine a clinically proven compound to reduce those dark under-eye circles and simultaneously reduce fine lines and wrinkles, resulting in noticeably younger looking eyes.



—By Sarah Tucker

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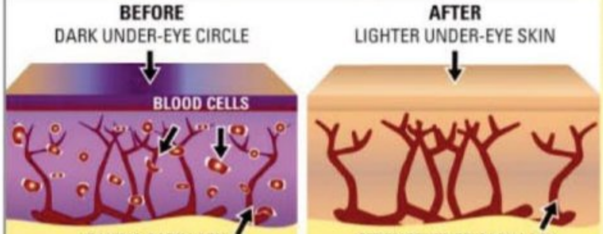
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BEFORE: The old 238-square-foot kitchen in the updated 1800s farmhouse lacked practical work places.

AFTER: Now 458 square feet, the space has an improved layout that makes the most of every inch.

3 in working order

Charley and Kerry MacKenzie, of Millersville, Maryland, are one busy couple. "We have two children, two dogs, two cats, two sheep and my grandparents recently moved into our in-law suite," says Kerry. With such a full house, the couple decided their U-shaped kitchen had too much wasted space to be functional. To help them create a more work-friendly space with a French country flavor, the couple hired Mark T. White, CKD, owner and designer of Kitchen Encounters, in Annapolis. "They wanted to make a better connection with the rest of the house, improve traffic patterns and update appliances," says White. Removing a peninsula wall opened the kitchen to the adjoining family room and dining area. A new, large center island—with concealed microwave, prep sink, large pantry drawers and refrigerator drawers for drinks and snacks—was a key change. "It gives them lots of workspace and it allows them to serve meals with ease," says White. "It's also a great place for a buffet when they're entertaining." Sand-colored granite countertops and a tumbled marble tile backsplash are two other improvements. "The kitchen now provides the anchor our house needed," says Kerry. ◆

IN THE DETAILS

- **APPLIANCES** The MacKenzies upgraded to a fully integrated refrigerator, panel-front dishwasher and 36-inch dual-fuel range. "The placement of the appliances has made everything so streamlined now," says Kerry.
- **CABINETS** Custom maple cabinets were painted a warm white and glazed for a distressed look. "It's a more forgiving finish with kids around," says White. For contrast, they chose a brown stain for a hutch and a rich barn red for the base of the island.
- **FLOOR** Refinishing the existing hardwood floor helped Charley and Kerry keep the budget under control. "It would be a mistake to replace this floor," says White. "It has nice wide planks that you don't see very often."
- **NATURAL LIGHT** Three large windows were added over the sink, with an unusual fourth window included behind an alder cabinet. "It gave Kerry the natural light she wanted without sacrificing storage," says White. Uplights on the ceiling beams and a light bridge between the desk area and hutch with lights inside also help illuminate the space.

the whole kit(chen) & caboodle

Ingenious self-contained kitchen units merge high design and function

WRITTEN BY LINDSAY DAMAST

Imagine, if you will, a lone box that rolls, closes for concealment or expands while meeting your every kitchen storage, cooking, washing and food preserving need. Or perhaps a device so space-efficient that all these demands can be satisfied within a few linear feet. On these pages, find compact units with doors that flip and shelves that spin to pack a remarkable amount of tools and utility into a very limited space.



ALL-AROUND WINNER

Slide open the Original Circle Kitchen's curved doors to reveal a base that does double duty, rotating 180 degrees. Stowed below are a dishwasher, ceramic cooktop, microwave, fridge, sink and waste basin. With multiple drawers, shelves and 10 square feet of bench top, you'll have ample room to work and stash goods. *original-circle.com.*





LITTLE BOXES

Made of durable Corian, Boffi's Minikitchen puts a modern twist on Joe Colombo's original 1966 design. In under 35 cubic feet, there's more to this mobile unit than meets the eye—a mini-refrigerator, drawers, storage compartments, teak chopping board, pull-out work top and cooktop. Just one electrical supply plug feeds the sockets for multiple small appliances. *boffi.com.*

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STORAGE STRETCHER

Customize the Katoi Pocket Kitchen from Maistri to your needs, choosing from sinks, dishwashers, cooktops and ovens in a range of sizes. The zebrano-clad cabinets even feature a flip-down eating bar that sits diners opposite the workspace for an increased social element. *nyloft.net.*



PRESTO CHANGE-O
Designed to blend in with surrounding furnishings, the Instant Kitchen can be set up in any dwelling and—voilà!—an oven, gas cooktop, electric power, dishwasher, refrigerator and sink are within arm's reach. Crafted out of sustainably harvested walnut, the natural oil finish can be refreshed by a light sanding and reapplication of oil. *hansenliving.com.*

OH, THE POSSIBILITIES!

86% of Americans are using their kitchens to pay bills, do homework, enjoy a hobby, read or play a game. If your kitchen is too small to indulge in other activities or socialization, set up everything (plus the kitchen sink!) in a room of more significant size.



TALL ORDER

Rooted neatly in a room, Tecta's Kitchen Tree extends from a steel base, featuring a swiveling, pie-shaped cooktop and sink that can be positioned up and down the central trunk. Baskets, racks and shelves keep tools within reach. *m2lcollection.com.*

STEEL APPEAL

At 9 feet wide, this aluminum beauty by Driade puts the entire kitchen on one wall. The Pantos Chef kitchen's doors fold open to reveal a welded sink, cooktop, oven, base cabinets, fridge and dishwasher. Its hood encases spotlights, shelves and a stainless steel work top. Stash it by the dining table and save cleanup for later, hiding cooking mess with closed doors. *driade.com.* ◆

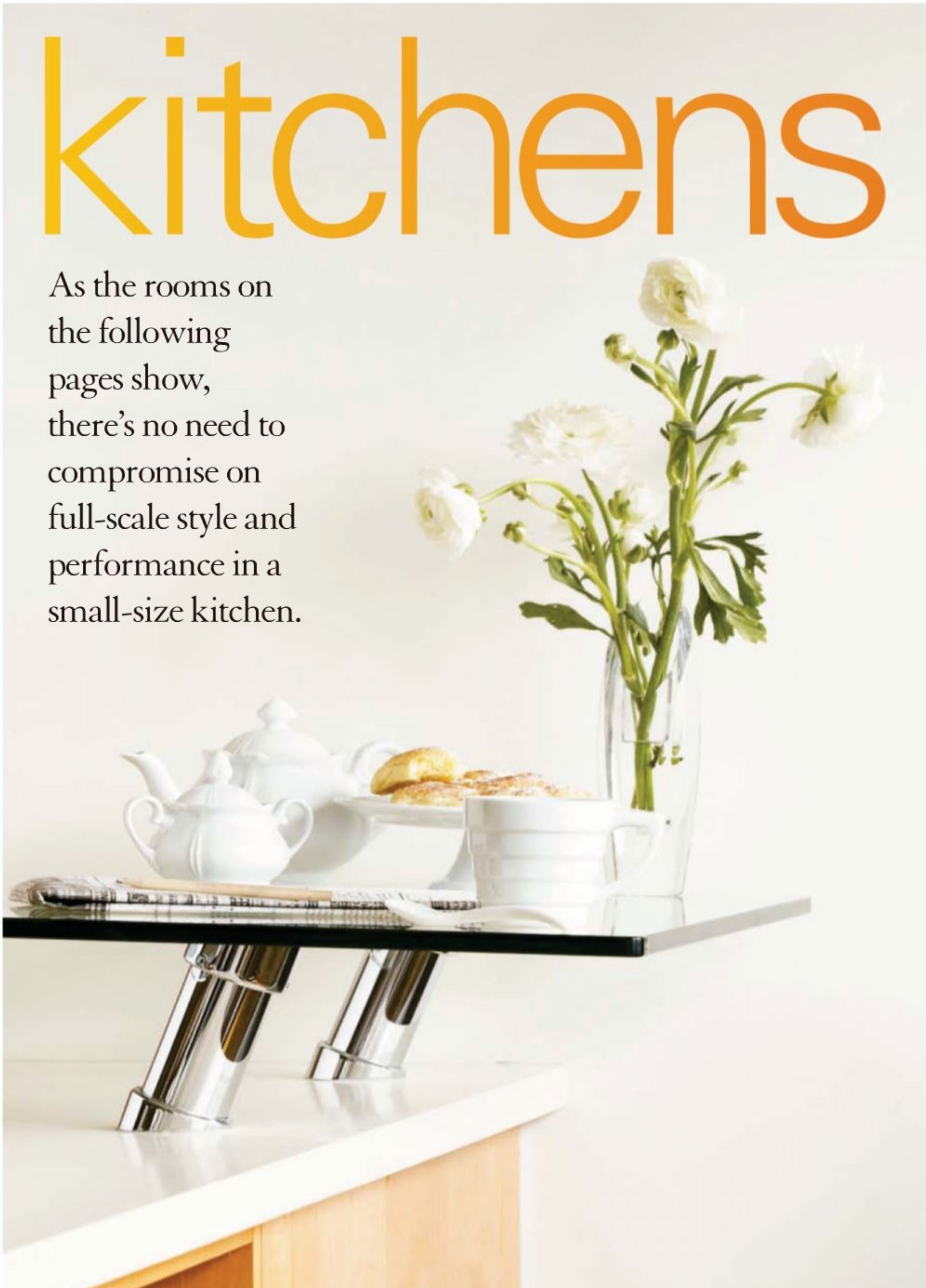


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kitchens

As the rooms on the following pages show, there's no need to compromise on full-scale style and performance in a small-size kitchen.



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Illustrating the home's mix-it-up design strategy, the contemporary kitchen nestles up to a cottage-style banquette.

Abundant storage is but one of the surprises in this modest space

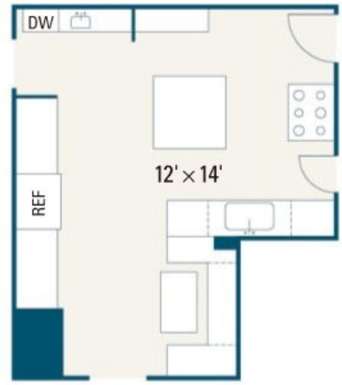
SED DOORS

WRITTEN BY CHERYL WEBER PHOTOGRAPHS BY GRIDLEY+GRAVES





A four-foot wide cabinet with a cantilevered limestone countertop fills the role of an island, providing a work surface and a place for guests to hang out.



LEFT: The range in the new kitchen is in the same spot as it was previously, to hold down remodeling costs.

BELOW: On either side of the refrigerator are banks of white, laminated cabinets that provide the kitchen with a wealth of storage.



FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ

One benefit of renovating an old house is the choice of clinging to its stylistic roots or stirring it up with modern gestures. In updating the kitchen in this 1917 California-style bungalow in Easton, Pennsylvania, homeowner Andrew Fiscus's choice was clear: Go modern. "Our whole house is a blend of old and new," he says. "We really like to mix it up." His former job as national retail manager for Poggenpohl—the German company known for sleek, concise cabinets—also influenced the kitchen's direction. Working with all those contemporary cabinets gave Andrew an appreciation of minimalism, and he decided that, in terms of detailing and adornment, less would be more in this space-challenged kitchen.

Andrew's former life also involved cooking professionally. Accordingly, he likes to entertain.

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design points

NEAT AND COMPLETE

Homeowner Andrew Fiscus wanted a kitchen free from unnecessary froufrou, but one that still functioned smoothly, because he likes to cook. These ideas help make it work.

◆ The new range (left) takes advantage of the same vent ducts and gas lines that were in place for the old appliance. The six-burner cooktop was one of the owner's must-have items. Because the range is situated between two doors, no flanking counters were possible; the nearest landing surface is the island.

◆ A peek into the wall of storage (bottom left) shows that this massive bank of cabinets can be used to stash dishes and glassware along with food.

◆ A divided drawer (below) keeps cooking supplies neatly arrayed and close at hand.





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ABOVE: The deep sink can hold a dinner's worth of dishes and still look empty from a distance. It was moved from under the window to increase the amount of usable counter space.

Given the kitchen's 12×14 footprint, an 8-foot island was out of the question. That didn't bother Andrew. "I've cooked in really tiny kitchens where I put out 100 dinners in a couple of hours," he says. "I know how to cook in a tight space."

Still, certain items were must-haves. Topping the list were a six-burner range, an island where a few friends could sit and sip wine, and enough breathing room to move around without getting in another person's way. At the center of his scheme is a 48×30-inch cabinet-cum-island with three drawers, two of them deep enough for stock pots and a wok. With its 10-inch overhang, the honed limestone countertop doubles as work space and a place for guests to pull up stools.

Though the kitchen was gutted, Andrew put the new range in the old range's spot to avoid the expense of moving the vent duct and gas line. However, he did slide the main sink from under a window to the wall's center line, providing balanced workspace on either side. "The sink is deep enough that we can put stuff in it, walk across the room, and it looks empty," Andrew says. The refrigerator resides within a wall of storage—crisp white laminated cabinets with aluminum edges and stainless steel handles. "We have space we haven't filled in the two years we've been here," Andrew says, adding that he wouldn't change a thing. "The house has its eccentricities, so it was fun to put in a really sleek kitchen." ◆



This 190-square-foot space is chock full of amenities, including a double wall oven, a six-burner cooktop and a below-counter microwave oven.



the simple life

Cleaning up this kitchen's lines makes the most of its small size

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STYLED BY EMILY HIGGINS





ABOVE: This basic, C-shaped layout is divided into separate zones for cooking, prep and cleanup.

LEFT: An appliance garage in the corner next to the ovens is a perfect station for bulky prep appliances like a food processor or stand mixer.

OPPOSITE: Opening a few rooms formed a bright, gallery-like space for showcasing the couple's modern art collection. A fireplace keeps the room cozy.

Abby and Fred Himmelein weren't interested in historical preservation when they decided to convert a 150-year-old former hospital in Charleston, South Carolina, into a home they could spend their retirement in. Accordingly, they didn't flinch when Bob Fleming, of Classic Remodeling & Construction in nearby Johns Island, had workers ripping out fancy carved woodwork, delicate moldings and period fireplace surrounds. What they wanted—and what a lot of heavy-duty work eventually produced—was plenty of space and natural light, and a kitchen that accommodated two serious cooks who like to entertain on a grand scale.

Fleming's work transformed a series of boxy, closed-off rooms into a light-filled, gallery-like space designed to showcase the couple's expansive collection of modern art. "We basically kept the windows and gutted everything else," he says.

Stripped of an intrusive peninsula and awkwardly-placed appliances, the clean lines of the 13' 3" × 14' 4" space emerged. To offset the room's boxy proportions and ratchet up visual interest, he replaced squared-off door frames with eye-catching arches. The motif repeats itself in a distinctive arched opening above the breakfast bar.

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DEEP THINKING This apron-front farmhouse sink, one of the wife's favorite features in the new kitchen, is sufficiently deep that she can put a big pot in the basin, and the sink will still appear to be empty from across the room.





EASY DOES IT The pot-filler faucet lives up to its name, providing a handy water source right at the cooktop so that a person need not slosh a heavy full pot across the kitchen. Homeowners who use such faucets soon come to realize why restaurant kitchens rely on them, too.

The functional, C-shaped layout features separate zones for food prep, cooking and cleanup. The 190-square-foot space also manages to pack in amenities, including double wall ovens, a microwave drawer, a commercial 42-inch side-by-side refrigerator and a six-burner range. The clean-up zone includes an oversized apron-front sink (Abby's favorite feature), that's deep enough to hide large pots or dirty dishes from view.

White-painted, recessed-panel cabinets climb two-thirds up the walls, a visual trick that pro-

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◂ SUNNY FEELING
Large windows on either side of the cooktop provide the natural light that helps make this kitchen so inviting. Shutters with working louvers offer the homeowners a measure of privacy.



FROM THE TOP ▸
The drawer format of the microwave creates a symbiotic relationship between appliance and countertop. Installing the unit among the cabinets preserves precious work space and allows users to lift food directly from oven to counter.

vides an illusion of increased space. Counters remain clutter-free, thanks to well planned storage that includes rollouts and deep drawers, plus specialized options like an appliance garage tucked next to the wall ovens. Across the room, outside the work zone, a furniture-like cabinet stores everyday dishware, china and cutlery.

As one might expect, art is also a presence in the room. Glass-fronted display cabinets showcase an eclectic pottery collection, including a duck tureen that sees action when Fred makes his famous post-Thanksgiving soup. "It simmers on the stove for three days," Abby says.

Fixtures and finishes complement the modern aesthetic. Counters are clad in Everest White granite, its distinctive black, tan and ivory pattern imparting an organic feel. The floor was a serendipitous treat: Under layers of carpet and linoleum they discovered pitch pine floorboards in near-perfect condition. All Fleming had to do was strip and seal for a pale golden color. "We got lucky on that one," Abby says. ◆



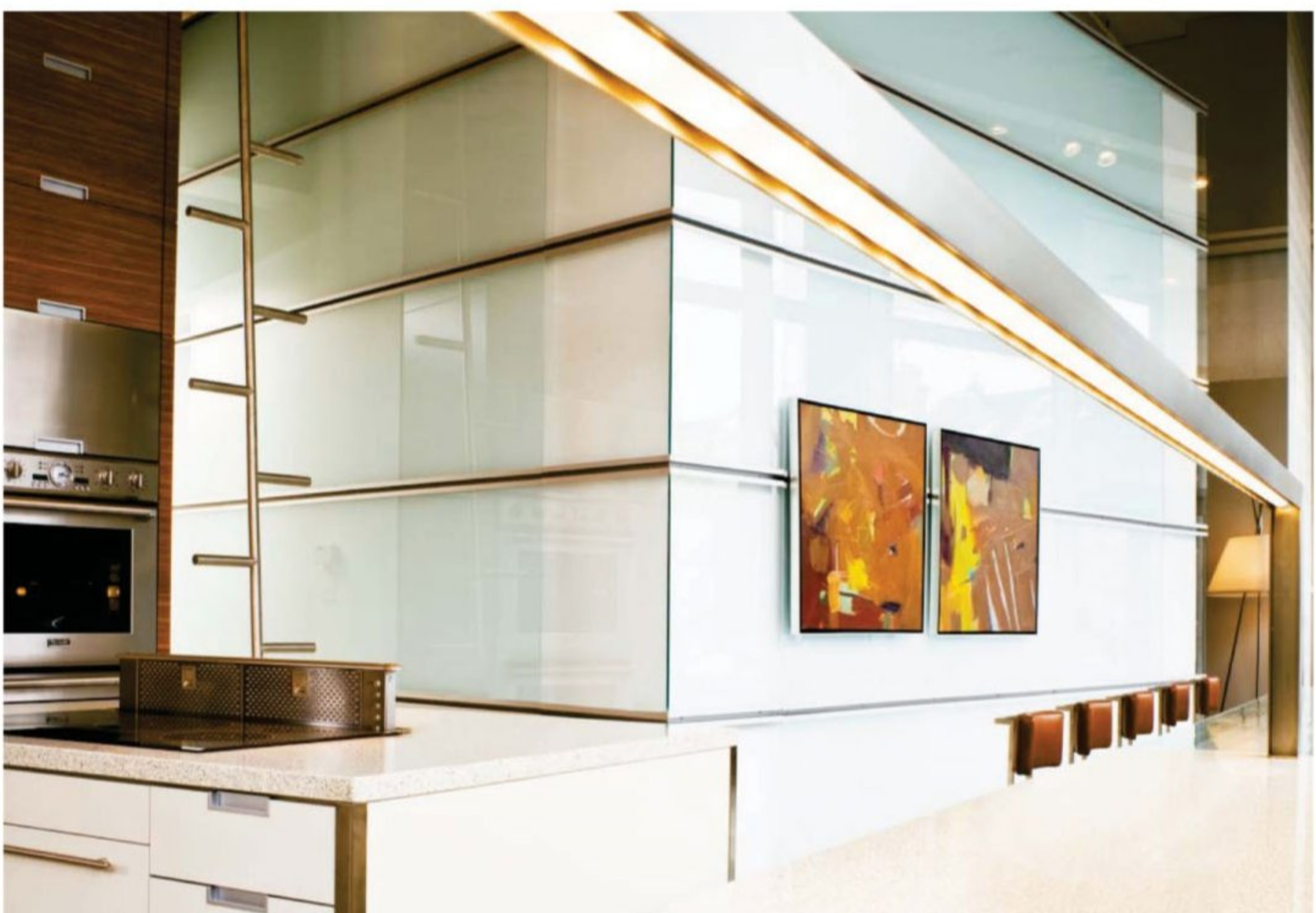
KITCHEN UNDER COVER

Built-in appliances are key to this kitchen's seamless appearance

WRITTEN BY NANCY A. RUHLING
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OPPOSITE: A ladder provides access to high cabinets on the kitchen's one solid wall. Those upper cabinets offer long-term storage for even non-kitchen items.

BELOW: The designers created a custom fixture to handle the bulk of the lighting in the kitchen. The induction cooktop is an energy saver.



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LEFT: A sink and dishwasher turn one of three islands into a self-contained cleanup center. Overhead shelves handle display duty.

OPPOSITE: Another of the three islands sports a long, glass-top table and a compact desk. Befitting the modern aesthetic, an iMac sits at the desk area.

Designers find themselves rising to new heights as kitchens continue to become the locus of family life. Today's kitchens have to be designed not only for cooking and efficient cleanup, but also as sites for hosting parties, entertaining extended families, helping the kids with their homework and offering ample (yet chic) office space for telecommuting moms and dads.

All of this was taken into consideration when the Toronto-based design firm Powell & Bonnell mapped out this well-organized, vertically oriented room. "We see the kitchen as a day-to-day living space, as an integral part of living," says interior designer Fenwick Bonnell, ASID, IIDA, ARIDO, who along with business partner/interior designer David Powell realized this multitasking, new-millennium kitchen in Toronto.

The lofty, windowed space had only one solid wall to work on, so the duo raised the cabinets to the roof, working around a structural concrete column and concealing appliances. The upper cabinets, reached via a sleek, rolling library ladder, were designed to eliminate visual clutter and provide space for storage, but not day-to-day storage, Bonnell says. "And they don't have to be used for kitchen things; you could put suitcases and such up there."

The double-ovens and built-in espresso machine are showcased in a block of stainless

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NOW YOU SEE 'EM, NOW YOU DON'T

A key to maintaining—and maximizing—the illusion of spaciousness in this kitchen is the clean, smooth surfaces that comprise the walls and counters.

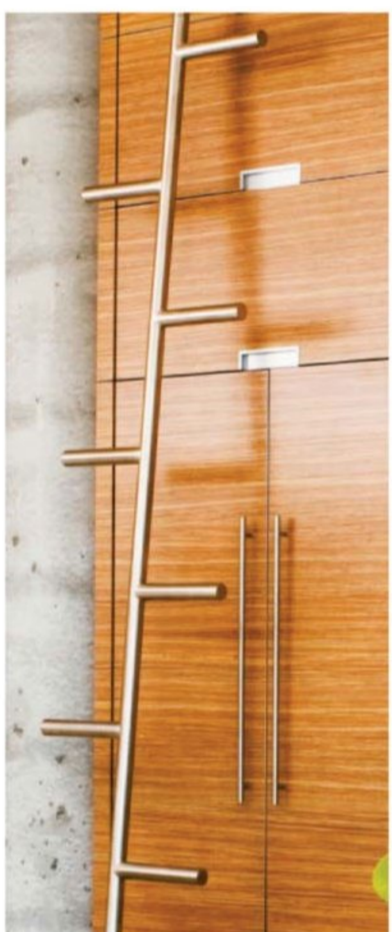
◆ Drawers, cupboards and pullouts are minimally marred by visible hardware.

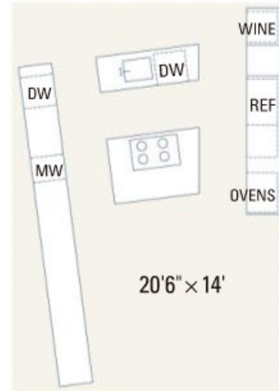
◆ Special hinges let the Thermador refrigerator sit completely flush with the surrounding cabinetry.

◆ The flat-topped induction cooktop looks like and may be used as additional counter space. The downdraft vent retracts into the island when not in use, preserving the sleek plane.









ABOVE: The designers packed the one solid wall with storage and used three islands to handle much of the kitchen workload.

FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ

steel that Bonnell compares to a sculptural element. This area also includes extra pantry space. Meanwhile, the refrigerator was incorporated completely flush into the cabinets using invisible hinges. "We wanted a clean, uncluttered look," he says.

Three islands—one for seating, one for the sink and one for the cooktop—were arranged as super-efficient task hubs. Each includes storage and is accessible from both sides.

Lighting posed a challenge. The central Powell & Bonnell–designed ceiling fixture adds intimacy, and an integrated aluminum light brightens the dining island. Waterproof LED lights embedded in the porcelain-tile flooring illuminates the concrete column, making it part of the decor.

Technology, too, turns the tables in this kitchen. The refrigerator has motorized shelves that make it easy to accommodate tall or bulky items. The Thermador induction cooktop uses electromagnetism to turn each pot into an energy-conscious heating source. Food cooks twice as quickly, and there are no open flames or live burners. When the pots are removed, the induction element automatically shuts off and the cooktop can be used as additional counter space. Completing the electronic amenities: an iMac built into a compact desk area.

"Unless you know this space is a kitchen, you might not recognize it as one," Bonnell says. "But it sure works like a kitchen!" ◆

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a right fit



Careful planning makes a compact kitchen family-friendly

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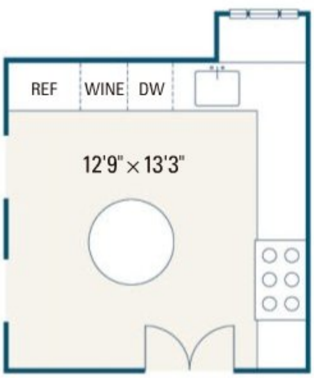
Flipping the typical color scheme—appliances white, cabinets stainless steel—gives this kitchen an identity all its own.



"That's not a *trophy stove*; it gets used," says architect Philip Mahla of the 36-inch, high-performance appliance."



LEFT: Textured-glass doors on the cabinets add visual interest to the room without seeming a gratuitous design gesture.



ABOVE: Circle in the square: The round island-table anchors the room.



RIGHT: In-kitchen wine storage facilitates food-and-wine pairings for the busy chef.

FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ

Gathering everyone to eat at the same time is difficult for most families, but when home is a Manhattan apartment whose kitchen barely accommodates a table, it's all but impossible.

So when Michael and Sandy Richman bought the adjoining apartment in their Upper West Side prewar building, they enlarged their kitchen by a third, creating a 156-square-foot space that serves as a hub for them, their 14-year-old twins, Jake and Samantha, and their golden retriever, Oakley. "We had to wedge our foot into a loafer that was a tight fit," says Michael, metaphorically, who enthusiastically describes himself as the family's "prime cook and bottle washer."

Architects Erika Belsey and Philip Mahla, of Belsey & Mahla Architects in New York City, created a family-friendly, industrial-style chef's kitchen that is lively and light. The enlarged space made room for a dishwasher, a six-burner cooktop, a pantry and a washer and dryer.

The design motif defies categorization. "We used a layering of textures and time periods, so it's neither a museum nor a kitchen for the 21st century," Belsey says. "You can't pigeonhole the design." The innovation starts with the choice of materials.



A sweep of snowy Carrara marble—a classic material—mutes the impression of the commercial appliances.

The cabinets, laid out by kitchen designer Elsa Kessler to the architects' specifications, are plywood encased in stainless steel, and the appliances have a white enamel finish. "We flipped the colors so they would not look so traditional," Belsey says. "We wanted something that looked more industrial and was indestructible." That theme is reinforced by the counter-height dining table, which doubles as a food-prep island. Bolted to the floor, the table's stainless steel base is topped with extra-thick white Carrara marble to match the other 2-inch-thick countertops.

Old and new, warm and cool—everything blends beautifully: The white subway tiles in the backsplash have a classic New York accent, and the gridded, pressed-glass panels in the above-counter cabinets say high-tech.

The cork floor, which Michael loves because it's easy on the feet—and dropped dishes—

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visually links the kitchen to the wood floors in the rest of the apartment.

Even when it isn't meal time, the kitchen has become the family's favorite room. "We have the Internet in there, and the kids bring their laptops to the table and do their homework," Michael says. "They're becoming interested in cooking, and the kitchen has provided a vehicle for Sandy and I to cook together. The old room was never big enough for us to do that." ◆

design points

SPATIAL SLEIGHT OF HAND

In this city kitchen, some smart design tactics helped make the most of the small space:

◆ A floor-to-ceiling pantry in the vestibule consolidates storage in a convenient yet out-of-the-work-zone space.

◆ A counter-height island provides an extra food-prep area and doubles as a dining table. Its slender pedestal base enhances the airiness of the room; a solid, blocky island would have the opposite effect.

◆ Mounting a stainless steel pot rack on the wall over the dishwasher—instead of hanging it from the ceiling over the island—keeps the central space open.









compact& comfortable

An open-plan kitchen puts efficiency first

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LEFT: Running cabinets the full height of the 14-foot space ensures ample storage for the small kitchen.



RIGHT: Keeping the elevated glass counter compact virtually guarantees it will always be neat and tidy.

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"There's something about the *natural light* and *wood cabinets* and *stone countertop* all together that makes the room feel so *warm*."

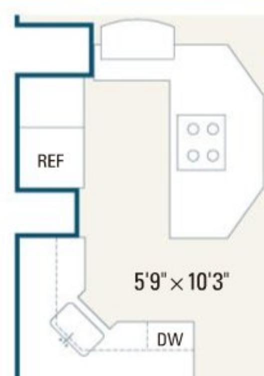




It's the down side of city living. Along with the perks of easy access to restaurants, shopping and entertainment, urban dwellers are often faced with tiny apartments and even tinier kitchens. But small can be smart, and this apartment, in Brooklyn, New York, is a rewarding case in point. The owner, Rima Shore, thinks of her 800-square-foot home as a boat. While not right on the water, it has lovely views of New York Harbor and the Statue of Liberty. As part of a gut renovation, she asked kitchen designer Elsa Kessler, who has since moved to San Francisco, to give her a warm, space-efficient kitchen worthy of a yacht.

OPPOSITE: The subtle bump-out of the backsplash engages the rest of the room; a straight wall would shear it off abruptly.

Rima had two priorities for the new kitchen. One was that nothing could obstruct the view across the living room, where sunlight streams through a 16-foot bank of west-facing windows. The other was that it shouldn't dominate the space. "I didn't want the whole living area to look like a kitchen with a couch in it," she says. Materials are used to great effect. While Rima initially thought white cabinets would make the apartment feel larger, Kessler convinced her that burnished maple would blend better with the floors and furniture. Stainless steel appliances, a white composite-stone countertop, and a cream-and-amber glass mosaic tile backsplash reflect light while slipping easily into the larger scheme.



TOP: Specifying a cooktop with a shallow footprint allows a wall oven to be installed just below it.

ABOVE: Creating an open plan for the kitchen preserves the view and natural lighting in the space.

FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ



Spatially, the kitchen is also separate yet part of the whole. A sculptural stainless steel partition appears to slice through the countertop, though it's actually two pieces. "It separates the cooktop visually so it's not the first thing you see when you walk in," Kessler says. She smoothed out an awkward step up from the kitchen to the dining room/office nook by inserting shallow bookshelves in the side of a base cabinet facing the desk, and positioning a raised glass shelf at desk height. "When I'm sitting at my desk I can turn and use that shelf," says Rima, a writer who often works at home. "I also use it for serving when I have guests, or if I'm cooking, they can sit there and be nearby."

The kitchen is bright and stylish, yet defers to its surroundings. And although the components were carefully planned, the cumulative effect was a surprise. "One thing I didn't expect was the reflection of the changing sun," Rima says. "There's something about the natural light and wood cabinets and stone countertop all together that makes the room feel so warm. It looks beautiful at all different times of day." ◆

Mechanical chaseways dictated the dimensions of the pantry and the 24-inch-wide refrigerator.

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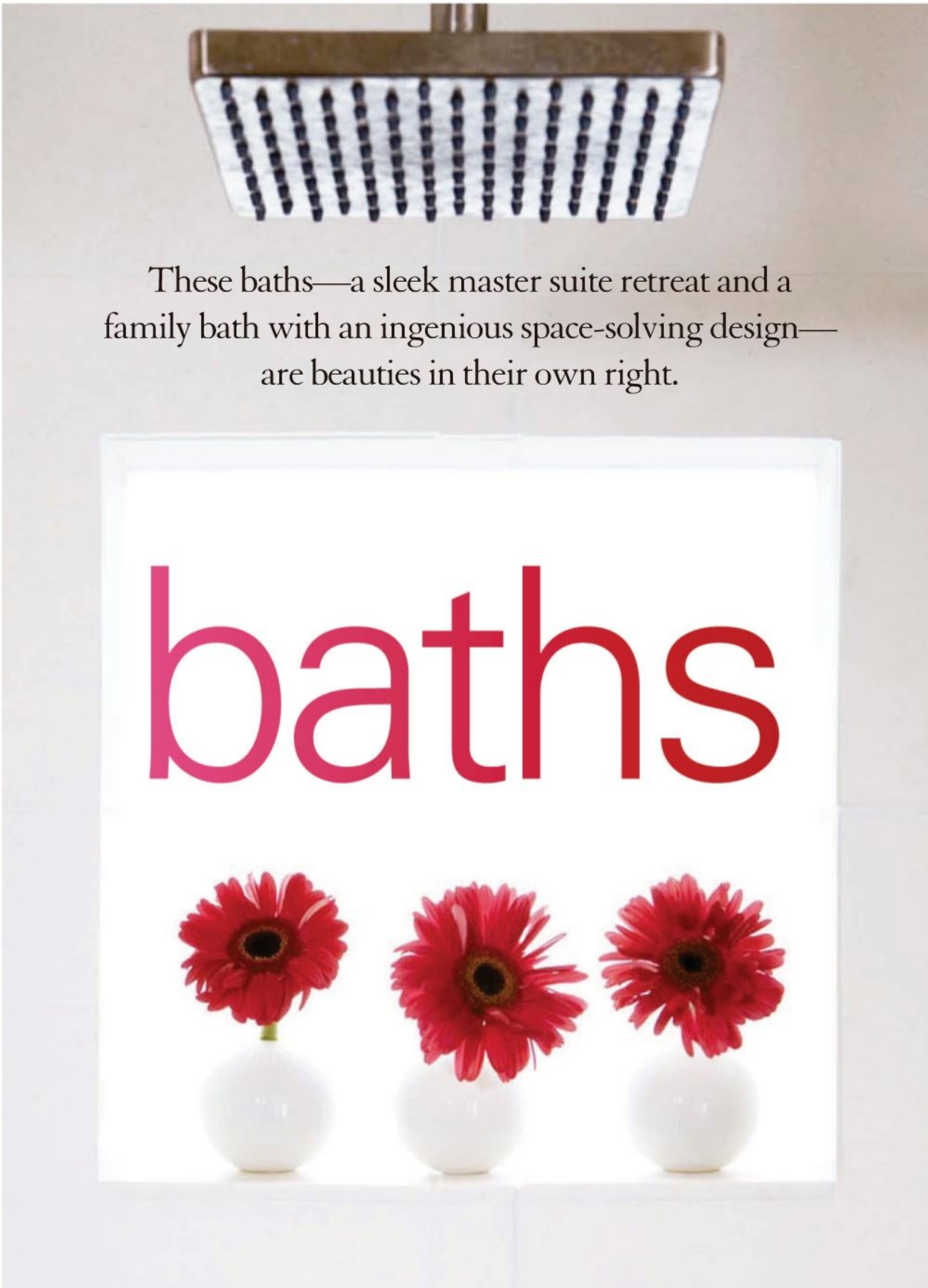
◆ **THINKING SMALL** A mainstay of an effective strategy for designing a small kitchen is to use the most compact appliances available—yet still select them in a way that is suitable for the size of the household as well as the space.

◆ **ROOM TO FLOW** Before making a final decision, examine accessibility and clearances in the layout. Evaluate the intrusiveness of a drawer-style appliance versus that of one with a swinging door. Choices between these configurations are no longer limited to refrigerators and dishwashers; wall ovens and microwaves now come in side-hinged and pull-out models, respectively.

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The corner sink location is softened by placing both basin and cabinets on a 45-degree angle. The single-lever faucet is a space saver.



These baths—a sleek master suite retreat and a family bath with an ingenious space-solving design—are beauties in their own right.

baths

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Surrounding the tub is a backsplash of limestone tiles, which picks up on the honed limestone-tile floor. Two niches were cut into the wall behind the tub.

easing the Squeeze

Smart solutions make this family bath work

WRITTEN BY MERVYN KAUFMAN
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The house has a colorful history. A 1920s two-story bungalow in Takoma, a residential area in northwest Washington, D.C., "it was split into two apartments during the World War II housing crisis," says designer Damian Parsons, of De-Design, who also happens to own the home. "When we bought it six years ago, it had been converted back into a single-family home." Parsons and his wife, artist Evangelina Elizondo, decided to make do with the three existing bedrooms on the top floor, but knew they needed to improve the outdated upstairs bathroom.



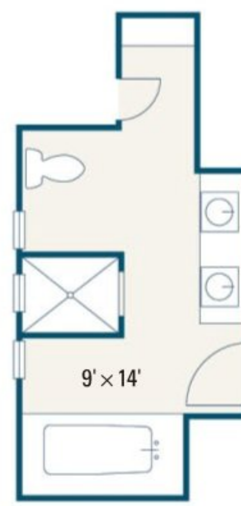
RIGHT: A fixed window mounted into the back wall of the shower provides natural light. Below the window is a teak-lined shelf for soaps and shampoos.

"The room had to serve not only as a master bath for us but also as a bath for our two young kids," says the designer. "We took what had once been a three-quarter bath and combined it with what had at one time been a kind of kitchen; a room with a hot plate." Walls came down, plumbing was moved and at least two feet were shaved off the width of the adjoining upstairs hall. The result is a 9×14-foot bath whose amenities are sufficiently separated so that more than one person at a time can use them. To achieve these dimensions, Parsons's plan expanded into spaces under the roof slope. "Some areas are a bit lower," he says, "such as the space above the tub."

A simple, soothing color palette—pale olive and cream—unifies all the elements. "We took our color cues from the honed limestone tile we chose for the floor," Parsons says. "Choosing 12×12-inch and 4×4-inch tiles, I created a pattern there,



Built-in open shelves make practical use of a space that used to be wasted, beneath the sloped ceiling.



ABOVE: The new bathroom combines an old three-quarter bathroom, a kitchenette of sorts and some carefully annexed space from an adjacent hallway.

RIGHT: The vanity, a piece of second-hand furniture that Parsons and his wife painted in two tones, stands in a niche created from the borrowed hallway space.

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RIGHT: Twin vanity sinks come in handy in a bath that serves not only the homeowners, but also their two young children.



OPPOSITE: A shower with glass surround sits opposite the vanity in the center of the room. It reinforces the bath's pale olive and cream color scheme.

then used 4×4s as trim elements in the shower and around the tub." The 36×44-inch shower was centered against what had been two wide windows. To compensate for the lost daylight, Parsons installed double-hung windows on each side of the shower and an inoperable window on the shower's back wall. The new windows are where parts of the old windows had been. "We used only that space," he says. "We kept the original opening."

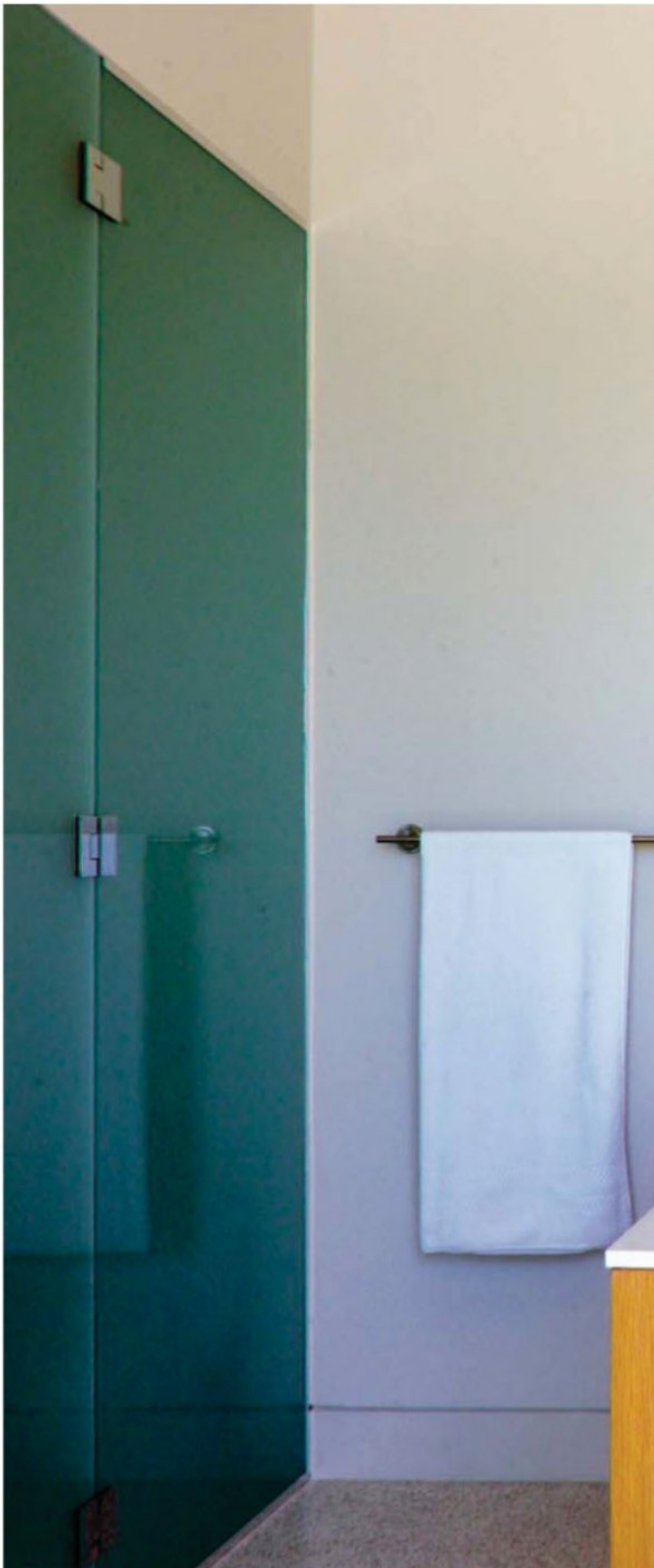
The double vanity, which stands in the niche formed by absorbing hall space, was bought online, then customized. "We painted the wood to match our color scheme," Parsons says. "Even the countertop, beneath the two white porcelain vessel sinks, is painted wood. All the fittings are brushed nickel." While remodeling this bath, the couple converted their basement, which was raw space—basically a hole in the ground—into an office for him, a studio for her. Understandably, the new all-purpose bath had to be done modestly. "The budget was very low," says Parsons. "We wanted to make the new bath look nice without spending a lot of money." ◆

A large mirror suspended from above creates a kind of wall between the vanities. A double medicine cabinet, paneled to match the vanity, is set into the wall.

two-suite

Back-to-back vanities stretch this master bath

WRITTEN BY NANCY A. RUHLING
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Blending the needs of two people and a desire for spalike privacy resulted in a bright master bath that puts a zing in Zen. Beverly Hills–based entrepreneur Sean Brosmith and his wife, Hsiu-Yen, worked with architect Zoltan E. Pali, FAIA, design principal of SPF: Architects in Culver City, California, to perfect their bath. "We both use it at the same time," says Sean, "and with this design, it's almost like having two baths in one."

Geometry rules this classic modernist home, designed by Pali. Pods that look like building blocks alternate with open courtyards along a central hallway. The master suite—including the 800-square-foot master bath—is on the east end, to soak up morning sun. "The bath is organized very simply," Pali says. "Everything is about getting direct and borrowed light so you don't need lights during the day."

The entry to the bath itself—a sliding door of translucent laminated glass—sets the stage

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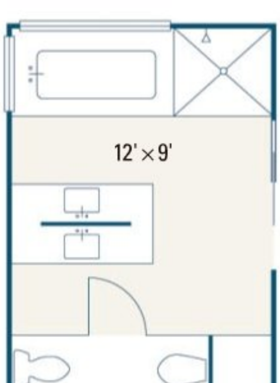


for the centerpiece, an island that has two back-to-back sinks and faucets. The 3-inch-thick floating illuminated mirror hanging from the ceiling provides the perfect balance of privacy and intimacy, visually bisecting the sink area like a sparkling mini-wall. "Because the mirror stops six inches shy of the counter, it gives the illusion of space," Pali says. What looks like one piece is actually a double medicine cabinet, recessed and paneled to match the vanity.

On one side of the space, the toilet/bidet room is screened by more translucent glass. On the other side, the steam shower and sunken soaking tub dominate, both enclosed in clear glass. Motorized shades over the tub allow for light and privacy. "The challenge was getting the shower and tub relationships right," Pali says. "Because this bath is on the first floor, we could actually sink the tub into the floor."

To enhance the spa experience, Pali chose a palette of aquas. The greenish-blue glass tiles of the tub surround, the subtle green of the terrazzo floor and the green tint of the glass partitions serenely complement the white oak cabinets. "The whole room has a clean, open feeling," Sean says. "I love the overflow tub. I can watch the flat-screen TV while I'm soaking in it, but when I'm in the tub, I want to hear nothing but the running water." ◆

LEFT: Clean lines and simple curves, right down to the graceful gooseneck lav faucets, befit the home's modernist architecture.



RIGHT: Because the bathroom is on the home's first floor, the designer was able to sink into the floor the luxurious jetted tub with surrounding overflow channel.

LEFT: The centrally located vanity island divides the area visually and physically, giving the impression of having two rooms in a single space.



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Thanks to the room's location at the eastern end of the house, large windows with motorized shades welcome morning sunshine into the bath.

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C. Whip up a batch of your famous oatmeal-raisin cookies.

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C. Wonder what happened to movies where characters speak to each other in complete sentences and are less than handy with rifles and grenades?

4. The time has come to blot out the world and immerse yourself in music. You're most apt to get totally lost in:

A. The custom mix on your iTouch.

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5. Your friends want you to choose the restaurant for your birthday dinner. You're most likely to pick:

A. The freshest sushi joint in town.

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C. Fine French cuisine.

6. It's time to write a thank-you note to a close friend. Do you:

A. Dash off an IM from your BlackBerry?

B. Craft a collage of images personally significant to both of you into a card?

C. Trot out the calligrapher's pen and your monogrammed note cards?

7. When it comes to sports, the athletes in your house are ready to take on all comers in:

A. Lacrosse.

B. Football.

C. Golf.

8. The digital photos you took of your relatives are great. How do you get copies to them?

A. Send them a Flickr e-invite.

B. Print them out at Walgreens or Target.

C. You don't own a digital camera.

9. Your dream vacation would be:

A. A game-watching safari in Africa, and "camping" in luxury tree houses.

B. Two weeks in a lakeside lodge with the extended family.

C. A wine-tasting tour of the Loire Valley or Tuscany.

How to rate your bath-style profile: Score 0 points for each A answer; 1 point for each B; and 2 points for each C.

0 to 7: You're a cool customer who wants a contemporary, Zen-like spa.

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